

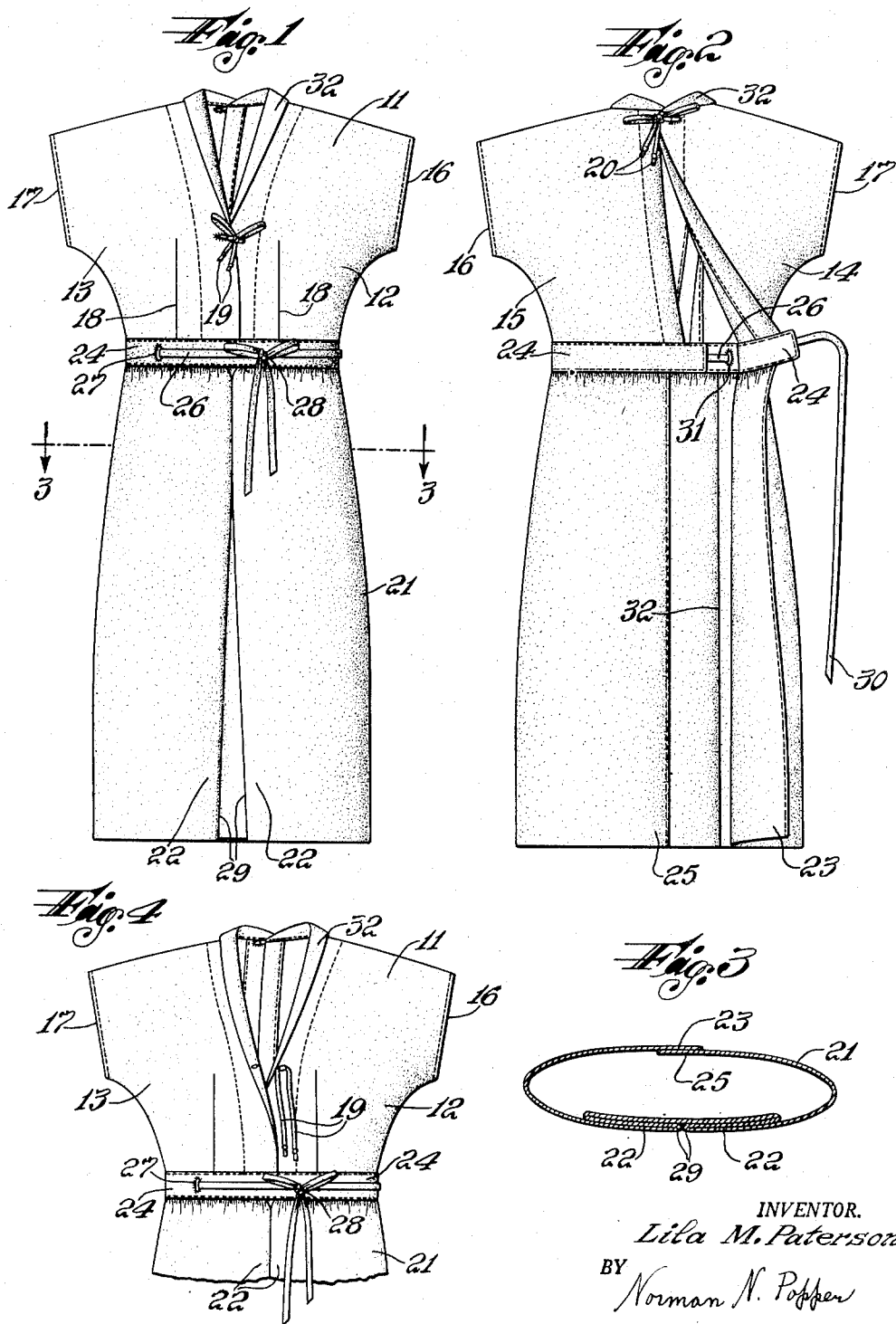
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My invention relates generally to hospital garments, and specifically to hospital garments in the form of a robe which permits the exposure of portions of the anatomy of the wearer for the purpose of examination, treatment, or application of surgical dressings and the like.

It is among the objects of my invention to provide a garment which may be, without removal, opened above the waist to expose the upper anterior or posterior portions of the body.

Yet another object of my invention is to provide a hospital garment which substantially covers the body without impairing accessibility of any of its portions for treatment.

A still further object is to provide a hospital garment that presents an attractive appearance without making any portions of the anatomy inaccessible.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a hospital garment which may easily be removed or put on while in a recumbent position.

Yet another object of my invention is to provide a hospital garment which provides complete coverage for the lower limbs, without restricting their movement, and regardless of the position taken by adjustment of the mattress of the hospital bed.

Another object of my invention is to provide a hospital garment that presents full length coverage as well as a rear opening which is full length.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a hospital garment which replaces the conventional garment.

Among the further objects of my invention is to provide a hospital garment which is simple in form and relatively inexpensive.

These objects and advantages are achieved by the garment illustrated in the drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of the garment closed;

Figure 2 is a rear elevational view of the garment closed at the neck but with one edge held aside to disclose the rear opening;

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on the line 3—3 in Figure 1; and

Figure 4 is a partial front elevational view with the front untied.

My garment has a top front portion 11. This top front portion 11 is divided into two parts 12, 13 which form respectively the right and left side of the front upper portion of the garment. The corresponding upper rear portion of the garment is also formed in two portions 14, 15. One of the front portions 12 is secured to the rear portion 15 along its top edge and side edge. Likewise, the other front portion 13 is secured to the rear portion 14 along its side edge and top edge. Openings 16, 17 are provided, which serve as armholes. These openings 16, 17 may be provided with a small hem to give a finished appearance. If desired, the front portion 12 and the rear portion 15 may be formed in one piece, and the front portion 13 and the rear portion 14 may likewise

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be formed in one piece. The front portions 12, 13 are each provided with a dart 18 to give form to the upper portion of the garment. The front portions 12, 13 are secured together by tie strings 19 passing through an eyelet at a point approximately midway between the waist and the top of the neck. The rear portions 14, 15 are secured together by tie strings 20 passing through an eyelet at the top immediately below the neckline. The skirt portion 21 of my hospital garment, is provided with a pair of deep central pleats 22 which are double in form and have their edges in coincidence normally as will appear in Figures 3 and 1. At the rear, the skirt 21 has an overlapped portion 23.

At the top, a belt portion 24 is secured to the skirt 21. The skirt may be shirred at the top to give a more finished appearance. The belt 24 is also secured to the bottom of the top portions 12, 13, 14, 15 of the garment. The overlapping portion 23 is also secured to the belt and it has a tie 30 which is fastened around the waist of the garment on the outside. The underlying portion 25 of the skirt is attached to the belt at the top thereof and the belt terminates in a tie 26 which passes through the eyelet 31 around inside the garment and out through the eyelet 27 in the front of the garment. Both the tie 26 and the tie 24 may be formed into a bow 28 in the front of the garment to secure it in place. It is to be understood that all ties disposed on my hospital garment are merely a matter of choice for securing the closure of the garment for many other means of attachment may be substituted therefore to accomplish the same purpose. The deep twin pleats 22 in the front of the garment have their inner edges 29 disposed in touching relation, so that with the movement of the wearer, the pleat may be distended to provide coverage in spite of the position of the limbs of the wearer. The collar 32 is merely decorative.

In use, the ties 20 may be untied to give access to the back from the waist up without uncovering any other area. Similarly, the ties 27 may be untied to give access to the front from the waist up. By reason of the rear opening 32 running from top to bottom, the rear of the body of the wearer from the waist down is at all times, accessible.

The foregoing description is merely intended to illustrate an embodiment of the invention. The component parts have been shown and described. They each may have substitutes which may perform a substantially similar function; such substitutes may be known as proper substitutes for the said components and may have actually been known or invented before the present invention; these substitutes are contemplated as being within the scope of the appended claims, although they are not specifically catalogued herein.

I claim:

1. A hospital garment comprising a skirt; opposed, front, central, inwardly-turned, deep pleats thereon; said skirt having a rear, full-length, vertical opening with overlapping edges; separate right and left top sections defining the front and back upper portion of the garment attached to the upper portion of the skirt; means for securing together the right and left top sections at the back portion and midway on the front portion; and a belt to which the bottom of the right and left front, and rear top sections and the top of the skirt is secured.

2. A hospital garment comprising separate right and left front sections; separate right and left rear sections secured together with the respective right and left front sections at their corresponding sides and tops, each having an open side edge portion defining right and left armholes; means for securing together the right and left rear sections at the top at their inner edges; means for securing together the right and left front sections midway at their inner edges; a skirt; opposed, front, central, inwardly-

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turned, deep pleats thereon, with a rear, full-length, vertical opening with overlapping edges; a belt to which the bottoms of the right and left, front and rear top sections and the top of the skirt except at the vertical opening in the rear are secured, said belt having an opening coinciding with the vertical opening in the skirt; and a means for securing together the ends of the belt.

3. A hospital garment comprising a skirt; opposed, front, central, inwardly-turned, deep pleats thereon; said skirt having a rear, full-length, vertical opening with overlapping edges; separate right and left top sections defining the front and back upper portion of the garment attached to the upper portion of the skirt, each with open side-edge portions defining right and left armholes; means for securing together the right and left top sections at the top of the back portion and midway on the front portion; a belt to which the bottom of the right and left, front and rear top sections and the top of the skirt, except at the vertical opening in the rear is secured, said belt having an opening coinciding with the vertical opening in the skirt; and a means for securing together the ends of the belt.

4. A hospital garment comprising a skirt; opposed front, central, inwardly-turned, deep pleats thereon; said skirt having a rear, full-length, vertical opening with over-

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lapping edges, separate right and left top sections defining the front and back upper portion of the garment attached to the upper portion of the skirt, each with open side-edge portions defining right and left armholes; means for securing together the right and left top sections at the top of the back portion and midway on the front portion; a belt to which the bottom of the right and left, front and rear top sections and the top of the skirt except at the vertical opening in the rear is secured with the adjacent, inner edges of the top sections in alignment front and rear respectively, with the deep pleats in the skirt and vertical opening in the rear of the skirt; said belt having an opening coinciding with the vertical opening in the skirt; and a means for securing together the ends of the belt.

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